



## (NORTH WEST) LICC REPORT



**First Steps Facilitator: Karen Jacobi, Representing 31 counties**

**Regional LICC status:**

*Reporting Date: May 9, 2003*

*Active LICCs: 9 LICCs representing 31 counties*

*Inactive LICCs: None*

*LICCs in development: None*

**Primary Outcomes of LICCs:**

1. Provider Recruitment
2. Public Relations
3. Child Find
4. Quality Assurance

**Summary of activities and accomplishments:**

- **Meetings & Membership:** All LICCs in the NW Region of the state report having a scheduled meeting date. Monthly representation at meetings fluctuates while membership remains constant. Two LICCs report changes and some concerns regarding meetings and membership. These include:
  - Two NW LICCs are considering merging to form one Council.
  - Another LICC reports concerns about the “energy” (level of some LICC participants) dropping.” An explanation for the drop in interest is reported to be that “All of the same people doing the work and the agencies represented on the Council, “Are in flux.” This LICC may also be losing their presiding Chair. The LICC Chair has proposed developing a transition plan to alleviate some of the stress related to the change.
- **SPOE/LICC Collaboration:** SPOEs are participating in the LICC meetings and activities. One LICC meets regularly at the SPOE office. While another LICC toured the SPOE facility in their area the tour was followed by an activity that took the LICC participants through the processes, Referral-IFSP.
- **Provider Recruitment:** Provider Recruitment remains priority of all LICCs in the NW Regions. The FSF has provided a summary of activities to the LICCs related to provider recruitment in their area. All LICCs in the region have been urged to give specific provider names to the FSF for contact and/or follow-up provider recruitment. County Connections report contacting individual providers regarding enrolling as a First Steps provider.
- **Public Relations:** LICCs are participating in local initiatives related to enhance public awareness in their communities. Activities include:
  - Display setup at a Child Care Day workshop
  - Distribution of information and brochures at Public Health Departments, to be included in new birth packets available at the local WIC office.
  - The possibility of developing a parent support group is being discussed by one LICC.

- **Quality Assurance:**
- One LICC is discussing developing a family survey that addresses on-going Service Coordination.
- One LICC is actively involved in developing community resource information to include in the First Steps Parent Notebook.

**Summary of identified needs or concerns: The concerns shared by LICCs in the NW Region include:**

- Lack of funding to implement strategies
- Waning participation in LICC meetings
- Provider Recruitment

**Key points and significant information to provide SICC:** LICCs encourage DESE to provider representation to the following:

- Special Education Administrator's Conference (early September) sponsored by MO-CASE
- Conference for the Young Years

~~~~~